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Letter dated 5 September 2017 from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing to you in relation to the provisions of paragraph 7 of section I of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which no subsidiary organ of the Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Subsidiary organs wishing to meet during a regular session of the Assembly must submit their request through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received requests from the following entities to meet in New York during the main part of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly: the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Independent Audit Advisory Committee and the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered those requests and the reasons for them, does not object, on the strict understanding that all such meetings would be allocated conference services on an "if available" basis, from within existing resources, in such a way as to ensure that the work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees is not impeded.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the following entities to meet in accordance with their requests, subject to the conditions referred to in the foregoing paragraph: the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the

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Independent Audit Advisory Committee and the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

(*Signed*) Lewis G. **Brown**
Chair
Committee on Conferences